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H.B. No. 1289

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to notice of certain accidental discharges or spills to  
3 local government officials by the Texas Commission on Environmental  
4 Quality.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 26.039, Water Code, is amended by adding  
7 Subsection (b-1) and amending Subsection (e) to read as follows:

8 (b-1) As soon as possible after receiving notice under  
9 Subsection (b), the commission shall notify appropriate local  
10 government officials of the discharge or spill.

11 (e) Except as provided by Subsection (g), if an accidental  
12 discharge or spill described by Subsection (b) from a wastewater  
13 treatment or collection facility owned or operated by a local  
14 government may adversely affect a public or private source of  
15 drinking water, the individual shall also notify [~~appropriate local~~  
16 ~~government officials and~~] local media.

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.